

King	Neumann	Shuster
Kingston	Ney	Sisisky
Klecza	Norwood	Skeen
Klink	Nussle	Skelton
Klug	Oberstar	Smith (MI)
Knollenberg	Obey	Smith (NJ)
Kolbe	Ortiz	Smith (TX)
LaHood	Orton	Smith (WA)
Largent	Oxley	Solomon
Latham	Packard	Souder
LaTourette	Parker	Spence
Laughlin	Pastor	Spratt
Lazio	Paxon	Stearns
Leach	Payne (VA)	Stenholm
Levin	Peterson (FL)	Stockman
Lewis (CA)	Peterson (MN)	Stump
Lewis (KY)	Petri	Stupak
Lightfoot	Pickett	Talent
Linder	Pombo	Tanner
Lipinski	Pomeroy	Tate
Livingston	Porter	Tauzin
LoBiondo	Portman	Taylor (MS)
Lowey	Poshard	Taylor (NC)
Lucas	Pryce	Tejeda
Luther	Quillen	Thomas
Manton	Quinn	Thornberry
Manzulio	Radanovich	Thurman
Martini	Rahall	Tiahrt
Mascara	Ramstad	Torkildsen
McCarthy	Reed	Torricelli
McCollum	Regula	Trafficant
McCrery	Richardson	Upton
McHale	Riggs	Vento
McHugh	Roemer	Visclosky
McInnis	Rogers	Volkmer
McIntosh	Rohrabacher	Vucanovich
McKeon	Ros-Lehtinen	Walker
McNulty	Rose	Walsh
Menendez	Roth	Wamp
Metcalf	Roukema	Ward
Meyers	Royce	Watts (OK)
Mica	Rush	Weldon (FL)
Miller (FL)	Salmon	Weldon (PA)
Minge	Sanford	Weller
Moakley	Sawyer	White
Molinar	Saxton	Whitfield
Mollohan	Scarborough	Wicker
Montgomery	Schaefer	Wilson
Moorhead	Schiff	Wise
Morella	Schumer	Wolf
Murtha	Seastrand	Wynn
Myers	Sensenbrenner	Yates
Myrick	Shadegg	Young (AK)
Neal	Shaw	Zeliff
Nethercutt	Shays	Zimmer

NAYS—67

Abercrombie	Hastings (FL)	Payne (NJ)
Ackerman	Hinchey	Pelosi
Becerra	Jackson (IL)	Rangel
Beilenson	Kennedy (MA)	Rivers
Berman	Kennedy (RI)	Roybal-Allard
Brown (CA)	Lantos	Sabo
Brown (OH)	Lewis (GA)	Sanders
Collins (MI)	Lofgren	Schroeder
Conyers	Maloney	Scott
Coyne	Markey	Serrano
DeFazio	Martinez	Skaggs
Dellums	Matsui	Slaughter
Dixon	McDermott	Stark
Engel	McKinney	Stokes
Eshoo	Meek	Studds
Farr	Millender	Torres
Fattah	McDonald	Towns
Foglietta	Miller (CA)	Velazquez
Frank (MA)	Mink	Waters
Gedenson	Moran	Waxman
Gunderson	Nadler	Williams
Gutierrez	Oliver	Woolsey
Harman	Pallone	

ANSWERED "PRESENT"—2

Jackson-Lee	Owens
(TX)	

NOT VOTING—22

Brewster	Gibbons	Meehan
Clay	Greenwood	Roberts
Dickey	Hall (OH)	Thompson
Dunn	Johnston	Thornton
Ensign	LaFalce	Watt (NC)
Fields (LA)	Lincoln	Young (FL)
Flanagan	Longley	
Ford	McDade	

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The Clerk announced the following pairs:

On this vote:

Mr. Flanagan for, with Mr. Clay against.
Mr. Longley for, with Mr. Johnston of Florida against.

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid upon the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I missed the last rollcall vote, rollcall 316, because I was trapped in the elevator. Had I been here I would have voted "no."

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Madam Speaker, I ask for this time for the purpose of asking the distinguished majority whip the schedule for the remainder of the week and next week.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DELAY].

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, I thank the distinguished minority whip for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the House has concluded its legislative business for the week. We will next meet on Tuesday, July 16, at 10:30 a.m. for morning hour and 12 noon for legislative business. Members should note that the House will postpone recorded votes until 5 p.m. in accordance with an agreement with the minority to voice vote the rule on Treasury, Postal appropriations bill.

On Tuesday, Madam Speaker, the House will consider the following seven bills under suspension of the rules: H.R. 3166, The Government Accountability Act of 1996; H.R. 3458, the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 1996; H.R. 3643, Extending Benefits to Veterans Exposed to Agent Orange; H.R. 3673, The Veterans' Compensation and Readjustment Benefits Amendments of 1996; H.R. 3674, The Veterans' Education and Compensation Benefits Amendments of 1996; H.R. 361, The Omnibus Export Administration Act of 1995; and H.R. 3161, Extending Most-Favored-Nation Status to Romania.

After suspensions, we will take up under an open rule H.R. 3756, the Treasury, Postal Service and General Government appropriations bill.

On Wednesday, July 17, the House will turn to the Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary appropriations bill, also subject to a rule.

On Thursday, July 18, we will consider H.R. 3760, Campaign Finance Reform and H.R. 3734, the Balanced Budget Reconciliation Act. Both bills, of course, will be subject to rules.

Members should note that next week will be a very busy week. We have a lot of important business to cover and it

will probably be necessary to work very late on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. However, we will finish legislative business by 6 p.m. on Thursday, July 18.

Mr. BONIOR. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague for his information, and I would ask my friend a couple of questions here. Will the welfare reform proposal be considered separately from Medicaid or will they be considered together as my colleague previously had planned?

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BONIOR. I yield to the gentleman from Texas.

Mr. DELAY. We anticipate bringing welfare reform to the floor as a free-standing bill separate from Medicaid.

Mr. BONIOR. Reclaiming my time, I thank the gentleman for that answer.

The second question I have is on the rule and on debate time. Can my colleague or the gentleman from New York [Mr. SOLOMON], if he is here, give us any indication on how long we will have for debate in this particular rule or any information about the rule itself?

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will continue to yield, the Committee on Rules has not met yet on the welfare reform bill. We certainly want to work with the minority to make sure ample amount of debate time on this very important piece of legislation will be held, plus the fact that we want to make sure that every opportunity for the minority to have a substitute will be available to the minority.

Mr. BONIOR. Well, I thank my colleague for that assurance, because as we know, there are Members, most of the Members on our side, in fact, all the Members on our side have been deeply interested in the principle of getting people off welfare and into work. We are very much interested in assurance from my colleague, which I would believe we have just received, that we will have the opportunity to present a Democratic alternative to this body when the bill comes to the floor.

Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman would yield, I appreciate it, and I concur with the distinguished whip. I do point out that under the budget resolution, though, any substitute that would be allowed on the floor must conform to the budget resolution and therefore have to conform to the savings outlined in the budget resolution in the underlying bill.

Mr. BONIOR. I would ask my colleague from Texas about the reform week that was announced earlier in the summer by the majority. Several press reports have outlined six or seven reform bills which would be considered, and I am wondering what happened to that list of reforms. Are we going to have just the campaign finance reform bill next week? Is the majority going to have some additional suspension bills that were not listed in those that he read to us just a few minutes ago?

What does the gentleman have in store beyond the campaign finance piece next week in terms of reform?

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Mr. DELAY. If the gentleman will continue yielding, I appreciate the whip asking the question because it allows me the opportunity to point out that this is the reform Congress; that on the first day of this Congress we went until 1:30 the next day reforming this House, reforms that we are all very proud of and voted for, to open this House and give it back, and finished the day with the Congressional Accountability Act that is now law that makes all of us live under the same laws that we have passed. We have passed the gift ban and lobby reforms, and many reforms over the course of the year.

Because of the problem of floor time, what we are bringing next week is the campaign finance reform, and I believe one other on suspension. Well, just campaign finance reform next week, to continue the efforts and the accomplishments of this reform Congress, the 104th Congress.

Mr. BONIOR. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague. I do not intend to debate, at 2:30 on Friday, how much reform this Congress has achieved. We will have a good go at that for I suspect about 3 hours next week, and we obviously have a different point of view than my friend from Texas on this issue.

But I thank him for his information and we wish him a good weekend.

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, if the gentleman would yield further, I also wish everyone a good weekend and urge them to get rest, because of the short week and an intense week. And I wish my friend a good weekend also.

ADJOURNMENT TO TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1996

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 1996, for morning hour debates.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. GREENE of Utah). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Mr. DELAY. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Texas?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING USE OF CAPITOL GROUNDS FOR FIRST ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL FAMILY PICNIC

Mr. GILCHREST. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the House be considered to have agreed to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 198), authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the first annual Congressional Family Picnic.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Maryland?

There was no objection.

The text of House Concurrent Resolution 198 is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 198

Whereas as the Member's and Family Room is an official entity of the House of Representatives, administratively under the Office of the Clerk of the House;

Whereas the purpose of the Member's and Family Room is to facilitate family life in congressional families, and to promote collegial relationships among the sitting Members of Congress; and

Whereas a family picnic on the Capitol grounds would promote the purposes of the Member's and Family Room: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION OF FIRST ANNUAL CONGRESSIONAL FAMILY PICNIC ON CAPITOL GROUNDS.

The Advisory Board of the Member's and Family Room (in this resolution referred to as the "Advisory Board") shall be permitted to sponsor an event, the first annual Congressional Family Picnic, on the Capitol grounds on July 30, 1996, or on such other date as the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate may jointly designate.

SEC. 2. CONDITIONS.

The event to be carried out under this resolution shall be arranged under conditions to be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board.

SEC. 3. STRUCTURES AND EQUIPMENT.

For the purposes of this resolution, the Advisory Board is authorized to erect upon the Capitol grounds, subject to the approval of the Architect of the Capitol, such structures and equipment (including cooking equipment) as may be required for the event to be carried out under this resolution.

SEC. 4. ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS.

The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police Board are authorized to make any such additional arrangements that may be required to carry out the event under this resolution.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of May 12, 1995, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

MINIMUM WAGE BILL HELD HOSTAGE IN SENATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentle-

woman from Connecticut [Ms. DELAURO] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, it is day 3 and the Republican Senate continues to hold the minimum wage hostage. Does this make any sense? The Senate passed an increase in the minimum wage by a vote of 74 to 24, and yet this legislation is not on its way to the President for signature.

Why? Because Senate Republicans are holding the minimum wage hostage to special interests. In exchange for releasing their hold on the minimum wage, Republican Senators want medical savings accounts added to health care reform as a ransom for its release.

MSAs, the Republican payoff to special interests and big donor insurance companies. The same MSAs that Consumers Union, Consumers Union is the group that puts out Consumer Report that tells you what kind of a car it makes sense to buy, what kind of an appliance so that you do not buy a lemon. The same MSAs Consumers Union called a time bomb that will make health insurance less accessible and less affordable for many Americans; the same MSAs that will make us take a step backward in our quest for health care coverage for the majority of Americans.

This is an outrage. Over 80 percent of the American people support a minimum wage increase. Let me repeat that. Over 80 percent of the American people support a minimum wage increase. The Republican leadership understands that figure. In fact, the Senate Republican aide told the New York Times that "Republicans do not believe in raising the minimum wage. We voted for it because it was killing us."

Talk about political expediency. And because they truly believe that they do not believe in raising that minimum wage and they do not believe in helping American families by increasing their economic earning power, and because they were forced to vote for it, they are now holding the minimum wage increase hostage.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair would remind Members that under the rules and precedence of the House it is not in order to cast reflections on the Senate or its Members, either individually or collectively.

Ms. DELAURO. Madam Speaker, a 90-cent increase is all that we are asking for, 90-cent increase. But the Republicans are firm in their opposition. The Republican whip, the gentleman from Texas, TOM DELAY, who was well compensated as a Member of Congress, as we all are, to the tune of \$133,600 a year, he has said that "Families trying to get by on \$4.25 an hour do not really exist."

He should get out of Washington more and meet the 12 million Americans, most of them, by the way, who are women, who would benefit from the wage increase.